





# The Street Beat



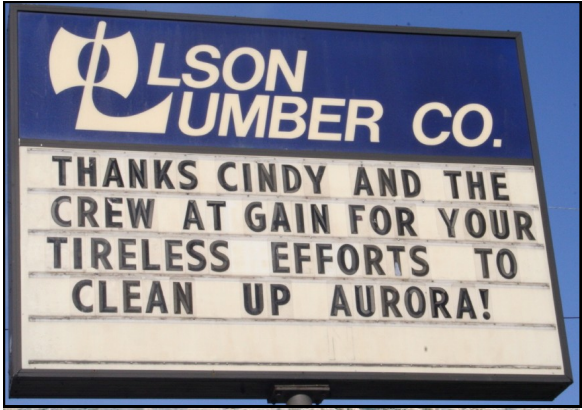
City of Seattle– A publication highlighting Seattle residents’ volunteer efforts to improve the city’s neighborhoods.

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**Volunteer Spotlight:  
Greenwood Aurora  
Involved Neighbors**

Cindy Potter, one of the co-founders of GAIN, and Cathy Noland decided to join the Adopt-A-Street program to help cleanup Aurora Avenue. GAIN adopted Aurora Avenue from Woodland Park to N 95th. In addition to the original GAIN, group there are GAIN North Greenwood (which covers from North 95th Street to 105th Street) and GAIN the Highlands (which covers N 130th St to N 145th St) with many volunteers that conduct regular cleanups.

GAIN has done much more than simply cleaning up Aurora Avenue. They have had a significant impact on helping to reduce crime and drug related offenses in their neighborhood through the Neighborhood Watch program. If you would like more information about GAIN visit their website at: [www.gainseattle.com](http://www.gainseattle.com).



A sign at Olson Lumber Co thanking GAIN for all their hard work.

**Mary and Ted’s Drain Cleanup**

Mary and Ted had been long-time Adopt-A-Street volunteers, picking up litter in their north Seattle neighborhood. This past winter Mary decided she wanted to adopt some of the drains near her home. Together, Mary and her husband adopted eight drains and began cleaning them and keeping them free of debris. After one particularly large rain storm Mary was surprised to see water draining with little hindrance. She noted, “It looked like Niagara Falls! All the water was flowing down the drains and none was collecting on the streets”.

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*Numbers to Remember*

**ADOPT-A-STREET & ADOPT-A-DRAIN  
HOTLINE: 684-7647**

**SPRING CLEAN:  
233-7187**

**GRAFFITI PREVENTION:  
386-9746**

**ILLEGAL DUMPING HOTLINE:  
684-7587**

**STORM DRAIN STENCILING:  
684-7624**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING  
TO AAS OR AAD PLEASE VISIT:  
[WWW.SEATTLE.GOV/UTIL/ADOPTASTREET](http://WWW.SEATTLE.GOV/UTIL/ADOPTASTREET)  
OR  
[WWW.SEATTLE.GOV/UTIL/ADOPTADRAIN](http://WWW.SEATTLE.GOV/UTIL/ADOPTADRAIN)**



Members of the Environmental Task Force for Church of Scientology at one of their cleanups along Roy Street earlier this spring. Good job!

**Adopt-A-Street Programs Growing in  
Popularity**

Those of us involved with the Adopt-A-Street program know the difference a monthly or quarterly cleanup can make, but you may be surprised to learn that many cities and counties across the nation have similar programs. These programs vary by location and scale, but their objectives are the same: to help keep public street clean and debris free. From small towns like: Oregon City, OR and Gillette, WY to cities like: Phoenix, AZ; Winston-Salem, NC; San Francisco, CA; and Charlottesville, VA people from all over are taking part in cleaning up their streets. Adopters are a testament that community service and engagement are alive and well throughout the United States.



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## There is Still Time to get Involved in Spring Clean 2009!



Spring Clean is in its 23rd year and is the premier event for getting volunteers outside and connected with their fellow Seattleites. This year's Spring Clean offers many opportunities for volunteers of all ages throughout Seattle to get out and cleanup Seattle.

Spring Clean lasts until May 30th. There is still time to sign up and organize a neighborhood cleanup effort. If you are interested in learning more, information can be found at [www.seattle.gov](http://www.seattle.gov) and search "Spring Clean" or contact Gretchen Muller at 684-0570 or via email at [Gretchen.Muller@seattle.gov](mailto:Gretchen.Muller@seattle.gov). If you have a Spring Clean event scheduled be sure to let us know. Please call the Spring Clean hotline to report the number of volunteers, number of hours worked, and where the bags of trash are located (if it needs to be picked up by a city crew). The Spring Clean hotline number is 233-7187.

## Keep Us Informed:

- **Update Forms:** A big thank you to those who have already sent in the 2008 Update Forms. We really appreciate it and that information helps to ensure that our database is current and keeps all of our volunteers up to date with program improvements.
- **Reporting:** Don't forget to call in to report your cleanups to 206-684-7647 or send an email to [AdoptAStreet@seattle.gov](mailto:AdoptAStreet@seattle.gov) or [AdoptADrain@seattle.gov](mailto:AdoptADrain@seattle.gov). Please report the number of volunteers, the number of hours worked, and the number and location of the bags collected.

*"Adopting is a great way for neighbors to meet and get to know each other and to help the environment"*  
—Marilyn (Adopt-A-Street Volunteer)

## New Volunteer Coordinator: Pete Teigen

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself for those of you I have not had the pleasure to meet. My name is Pete Teigen and I am originally from Boise, ID, but I have lived in Seattle for almost two years. I came to Seattle to get my Masters in Public Administration at the University of Washington. Prior to moving to Seattle I worked with several non-profits, substitute taught, worked for the Forest Service, and spent two years in Honduras working as a Peace Corps volunteer.

I began working as the Adopt-A-Street Program Coordinator in December of 2008. Working for Seattle Public Utilities has been a great experience and has afforded me the opportunity to work with many good people and great volunteers! I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can and if you have any questions I will do my best to help!

**Questions:** If you have any questions or comments please email me at [Peter.Teigen@seattle.gov](mailto:Peter.Teigen@seattle.gov). My work schedule for the spring will be Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

